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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7439

BILL NUMBER: HB 1691

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Highway Intersection Improvements.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ripley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Department of Transportation (INDOT) to construct sidewalks and curb ramps at the crosswalks at a certain intersection in the city of Decatur. It requires the city or property owners subject to assessment to provide for maintenance.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The INDOT has estimated that the installation of sidewalks and curb ramps will cost in excess of \$150,000 if the right-of-way is not purchased. In addition, the INDOT said that work of this nature would require, at the least, the purchase of temporary right-of-way. The fund affected is the State Highway Fund.

Background Information: The following information was provided by the INDOT.

The nearest sidewalk along U.S. 27 is approximately ¼ mile north of this intersection. The west side of U.S. 27 is relatively level. The east side of U.S. 27 has about a 3-1/2 foot drop off a short distance from the edge of road. This change in elevation is the elevation of the parking areas of the businesses on the east side of U.S. 27. There are short commercial strip developments with parking up to the right-of-way line on the east side of U.S. 27 both north and south of CR 500N. In the NE and SE quadrant of the intersection, rip-rap (large rocks) was placed to reduce the potential of erosion. There is currently a curb around all corners of this intersection and along U.S. 27.

Placement of sidewalks, and curb ramps, along the east side of US 27 would require some sort of retaining wall and a railing system on the east side of the proposed sidewalk and area around the curb ramps. Additionally, the traffic signal steel strain poles and the traffic signal controller, on the east side of U.S. 27,

would have to be raised to the elevation of the sidewalk.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Annual maintenance costs are not known. If the city is responsible for maintenance, future city expenditures likely will increase. Since the proposal does not increase the city's taking authority, the additional expenditures will be paid from current resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: City of Decatur.

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